

Great Books for First Grade Readers (and Listeners) at the Pleasanton Public Library

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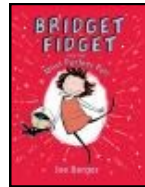
shelved by first two letters of author's last name

Max's Words by Kate Banks



When Max cuts out words from magazines and newspapers, collecting them the way his brothers collect stamps and coins, they all learn about words, sentences, and storytelling.

Bridget Fidget and the Most Perfect Pet

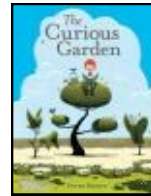


by Joe Berger

Bridget has always wanted a pet unicorn named Thunderhooves, so when a box is delivered to her door she is sure that is what is inside.

The Curious Garden by Peter Brown

Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.

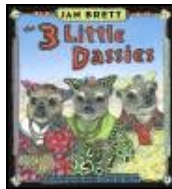


Pug and Doug by Steve Breen

Pug and Doug are best friends. They both love doughnuts, bird watching and polka music. But when a misunderstanding hurts Doug's feelings, Pug must find a way to set things right.



The 3 Little Dassies by Jan Brett



In this adaptation of the traditional folktale, three little dassies (also called rock hyraxes) build their houses in the Namib Desert of Southern Africa, hoping for protection from the eagle that lives atop a nearby mountain.

Who is Melvin Bubble? by Nick Bruel

Who is this kid with the funny name? Well, that depends on who you ask. This is a funny introduction to six-year-old Melvin Bubble as presented by his family, friends, and others.



Do You Want to Be My Friend?

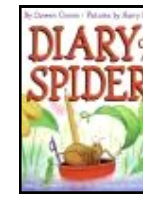


by Eric Carle

A small lonely mouse becomes brave and asks the animals he meets if they will be his friend.

Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin

A young spider discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners.



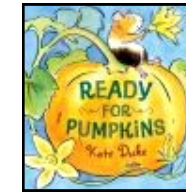
Cat Secrets by Jef Czekaj



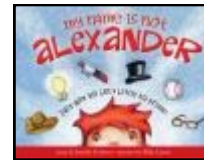
Important secrets about how best to live a cat's life will be revealed only to those who can prove that they are genuine cats.

Ready for Pumpkins by Kate Duke

After watching first graders grow plants from seeds, classroom guinea pig Hercules learns about gardening by growing his own pumpkin.



My Name is Not Alexander



by Jennifer Fosberry

A little boy imagines that he is different famous men, including his dad.

My Name is Not Isabella

by Jennifer Fosberry

A young girl named Isabella pretends she is famous women during the day, but wants to be herself at bedtime.



Mama Don't Allow: Starring Miles and the Swamp Band



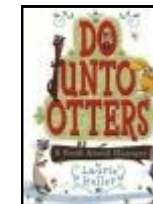
by Thatcher Hurd

Miles and the Swamp Band have the time of their lives playing at the Alligator Ball, until they discover the menu includes Swamp Band soup.

Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners

by Laurie Keller

Mr. Rabbit wonders if he will be able to get along with his new neighbors, who are otters, until he is reminded of the golden rule.



Same, Same, but Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

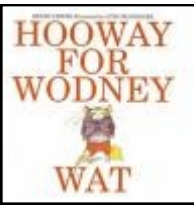


Pen pals Elliott and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries — America and India — they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.

Hooway for Wodney Wat

by Helen Lester

All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.



Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles



by J. Patrick Lewis

Thirteen witty poems pose riddles that challenge readers to "Name That Book." With a glass slipper here and a spider web there young readers are given clues to help them come up with the answers.

Astronaut Handbook

by Meghan McCarthy

Decide if you really want to be an astronaut after discovering what they have to do at astronaut school.



This list represents a small selection of books that appeal to first graders. This list is not intended to limit a child's reading, for there is no "perfect" first grade book.

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Wink: The Ninja Who Wanted to Be Noticed

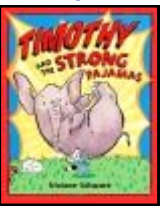


by J.C. Phillips
Although ninjas should be silent and use stealth, Wink finds his enthusiasm gets him into trouble with his teacher until he finds the perfect way to express both traits.

Swim! Swim! by James Proimos
Lerch the fish is lonely, and after trying to befriend some unreceptive — and inanimate — objects, he finally succeeds in finding a friend.



Timothy and the Strong Pajamas: A Superhero Adventure

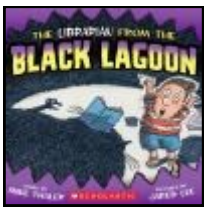


by Viviane Schwarz
After his mother mends his favorite pajamas, Timothy finds that he has super strength and decides to use it to help others, but when the pajamas rip again, he loses his strength just when he needs it most.

Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
The smallest Who saves Whoville and teaches us that every person no matter how small has a voice and is important.

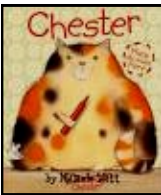


The Librarian from the Black Lagoon



by Mike Thaler
Black Lagoon series
Mrs. Beamster the school librarian is known by all the kids as "The Laminator" because she is said to laminate anyone who is caught whispering.

Chester by Melanie Watt
Chester series
The author wants to tell a story about a mouse but Chester the cat retells it using himself.



Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend

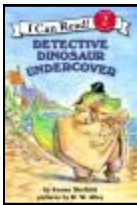


by Melanie Watt
Scaredy Squirrel series
Scaredy Squirrel goes to great lengths to find The Perfect Friend.

Early Readers

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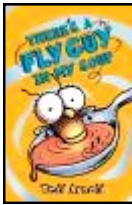
Detective Dinosaur Undercover



by R.W. Alley
Level 3 — Detective Dinosaur series
In three brief mysteries, Detective Dinosaur learns about doing undercover work, gets chased by strange blobs, and finds rain on a sunny day.

There's a Fly Guy in My Soup

by Tedd Arnold
Level 2 — Fly Guy series
When Fly Guy is not allowed in the restaurant with Buzz's family he follows his nose and ends up in the soup.



Frog and Friends



by Eve Bunting
Level 4 — Frog and Friends series
Frog and his friends are alarmed by a strange object that appears on his pond, share a thoughtful - if scratchy - gift, and meet a hippopotamus that has run away from the zoo.

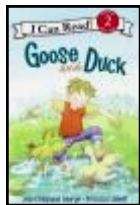
Are You My Mother?

by P.D. Eastman
Level 3
A baby bird falls from the nest and flits from animal to animal asking the question in this book's title. At last, mama and baby bird are reunited.

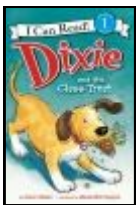


Goose and Duck

by Jean Craighead George
Level 3
A young boy becomes the “mother” to a goose, who becomes “mother” to a duck, as they learn about the rhythms of nature together.

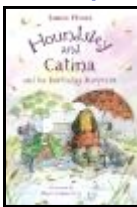


Dixie and the Class Treat



by Grace Gilman
Level 3 — Dixie series
It's Emma's turn to make a healthy snack for her class. But when the ingredients get mixed up in her favorite oatmeal spice cookie recipe, it falls to Dixie to come to the rescue!

Houndsley and Catina and the Birthday Surprise



by James Howe
Level 4
Friends Houndsley and Catina are sad because they do not know when their birthdays are, but they solve the problem in a thoughtful and creative way.

Monster School: First Day Frights

by Dave Keane
Level 3
On his first day at a new school, Norm, a regular boy, has trouble fitting in with his monstrous classmates.

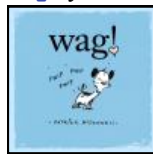


A Dollar for Penny

by Julie Glass
Level 2
Penny sets up a lemonade stand to earn money to buy something special and learns about currency.

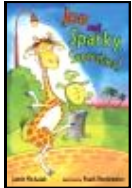


Wag



by Patrick McDonnell
Level 2
Mooch the cat tries to explain what makes Earl's tail wag.

Joe and Sparky, Superstars!



by Jamie Michalak
Level 4 — Joe and Sparky series
When Joe the giraffe and his friend Sparky, a turtle, sees a television talent show, Joe tries to find Sparky's talent so that they can compete.

Sir Small and the Dragonfly

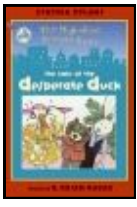
by Jane O'Connor
Level 3
When a dragonfly swoops over the town of Pee Wee and carries Lady Teena away, brave Sir Small rides off on his trusty ant vowing to rescue her.



A Friend for Dragon by Dav Pilkey
Level 4 — Dragon Tales series
Dragon becomes such close friends with an apple that he deeply mourns its loss and is overjoyed when more grow to take its place.

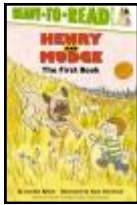


The Case of the Desperate Duck



by Cynthia Rylant
Level 4 — High Rise Private Eyes series
In their latest case, animal detectives Bunny and Jack help Mabel the duck find out who stole sugar cubes from her tea room

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Level 3 — Henry and Mudge series
Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.



Splat the Cat: Good Night, Sleep Tight

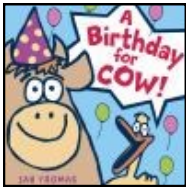


by Rob Scotton
Level 3 — Splat the Cat series
Splat is excited about camping out until his mother surprises him with the news that she has invited Spike, Splat's worst enemy.

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa by Erica Silverman
Level 4 — Audiobook available
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series
Cowgirl Kate and her cowhorse Cocoa, who is always hungry, count cows, share a story, and help each other fall asleep.



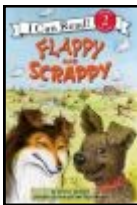
A Birthday for Cow



by Jan Thomas
Level 2
Despite the objections of Pig and Mouse, Duck insists on adding a special ingredient to the cake they are making to celebrate Cow's birthday.

Flappy and Scrappy

by Arthur Yorinks
Level 3
After canine friends Scrappy and Flappy play an unusual game of catch, Scrappy complains that everyone has forgotten his birthday, but Flappy surprises him.



Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same

by Grace Lin
Level 3
Ling and Ting are identical twins who people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

